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Karnataka HC upholds Hijab ban

Hijab is not a part of essential religious practices of Islam, observes 3-Judge Bench; Petitioners likely to move SC

Bengaluru, Mar. 15- In a significant judgement, the Karnataka High Court (HC) today upheld the Hijab ban and dismissed various petitions challenging the ban in educational institutions.

The full Bench of the Karnataka HC, comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justices Krishna S. Dixit and Jaibunnisa M. Khazi, said: "Hijab is not a part of essential religious practices of Islam. Requirement of uniform is a reasonable restriction on the fundamental right to freedom of expression under Article 19(1)(a)."

The Court observed that the "Government has the power to pass the Government Order (GO) and that no case is made out for its invalidation."

"The prescription of school uniform is only a reasonable restriction, Constitutionally permissible which the students cannot object to," the three-Judge Bench further noted.

The State Government had banned wearing clothes which disturbed equality, integrity and public order in Schools and Colleges.

The Bench said, "All the writ

petitions are devoid of merits and are liable to be dismissed. Accordingly, all writ petitions are dismissed and in view of the dismissal, all the pending applications fall into insignificance and are accordingly disposed off."

The petitioners are now likely to move the Supreme Court (SC). Advocate Shahul said, "We are consulting on the issue. Once the detailed order comes, we will analyse it and move the Supreme Court."

Prohibitory orders imposed in city from 6 am today till Mar. 20, 6 pm

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&DM)- In view of Hijab row judgement by Karnataka High Court, the Mysuru City Police have issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC in the entire limits of the Commissionerate with effect from 6 am today till 6 pm on Mar. 20, as a security measure.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that tight security has been put in place across the city.

Additional Police forces have been deployed at sensitive areas and the services of KSRP, CAR, Mounted Police and other Police wings are being utilised, he said.

The vigil will be round-the-clock during the ban order. Protests and processions of any kind have been barred till Mar. 20. As regards Schools and Colleges, barring the students and staff, no unauthorised person will be allowed to move around in 200 mts. radius of the institutions, he said.

The City Top Cop has appealed the public to co-operate with the Police for maintenance of peace and harmony during period.

COVID vaccination for 12-14 age group from tomorrow

MLA to launch the drive in city: DHO

Ramdas *Dr. Prasad*

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&SSM)- "The Central Government will start the COVID vaccination for those in the 12 to 14 years age category from tomorrow (Mar. 16) and people above 60 years (senior citizens) will be administered the precautionary third dose," announced Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya yesterday.

The vaccine of choice for children is Corbevax, manufactured by Bio-E, Hyderabad. Corbevax, which is India's first indigenously developed Receptor Binding Domain (RBD) Protein sub-unit vaccine against COVID-19, has received Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) from India's drug regulator for the 12 to 18-year age group.

Health Ministry sources said that 7.11 crore children aged between 12 and 14 years would be eligible for the jabs. They are in addition to 7.4 crore adolescents in the 15 to 18 years group who are currently getting two doses of Covaxin.

From Mar. 16, the entire 13.75 crore population above 60 years of age will also be eligible for a precautionary dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Nearly 84 percent of India's 94.47 crore of estimated adult population is fully vaccinated, whereas more than 92 percent received a single shot. Among the 7.4 crore of estimated 15-18 years age group, close to 50 percent are fully vaccinated, while 5.6 crore received at least a single shot.

Meanwhile, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, said that a vehicle has been sent to Bengaluru to bring the vaccine which will be administered to children starting from tomorrow.

KR Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas will launch the vaccination drive at a programme that will be held at a School in Kuvempunagar tomorrow. The School where the programme is to be held will be decided by this evening, the DHO said adding that the campaign regarding the vaccination drive will also be carried out simultaneously.

"There are about 1.25 lakh to 1.30 lakh children aged between 12 and 14 years in the district. The vaccine for all these children will be administered at all Government, private, aided and un-aided middle schools. The health workers of the District Health Department will visit all these Schools and vaccinate the students," he added.

Save Chamundi Hill: Emergency meeting held

Greens, heritage experts, public raise voice against proposed ropeway

Heritage expert Prof. N.S. Rangaraju is seen addressing the meeting at Ramakrishna Park in city this morning as Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa and others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RKB&KS)- The announcement of the ropeway to Chamundi Hill in the Budget has met with stiff opposition from all sections and an emergency meeting, convened by **Save Chamundi Hill Committee,** at Ramakrishna Park near Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle in city this morning, opposed the project and urged the State Government not to go ahead with it. Heritage experts, environmentalists, scholars, nature lovers and members of the public, who participated in today's meeting, said the project would destroy naturally formed Chamundi Hill. They urged the State Government not to destroy the Hill in the name of development and said, "Let Chamundi Hill be as it is now. The Hill is a gift of nature, do not destroy it."

Member of the Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region and Convenor, INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage), Prof. N.S. Rangaraju said that in 2004, a Government Order stated that Mysuru was a Heritage City.

(See MEETING on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 15th March 2022

Organ donation: Teenager saves five lives

Mysuru, Mar.15- Bharath, 18 years old, was brought to Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, on Thursday, 10th March, at 4 am from Government Hospital, Bannur, in a critical condition after he met with an RTA (Road Traffic Accident) on Wednesday at 9.45 pm at Bannur. Initial CT scan showed brain stem infarct. He was shifted to ICU immediately for life support and intensive care.

Bharath was kept on life support for two days while he was in a very critical state. On the third day, March 12 at 9.30 pm he was declared brain dead due to brain stem failure as per the hospital protocol stipulated by the Transplant of Human Organs Act 1994 by panellist doctors at Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, which is now a Licensed Centre for Multiorgan Transplant (OTC).

His family was counselled for organ donation as per the defined protocol.

As per organ donation protocols, officials from Jeeva Sarthakathe initiated the process and at around 1.30 am on Mar. 13, Bharath's organs (2 Kidneys, Liver, Heart Valves and Corneas) were harvested with cross clamp done at 4.45 am at Apollo BGS Hospitals.

The organs donated and recipient hospitals are as follows:

One Kidney- Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru; One Kidney and Liver - Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru; Heart Valves - Sri Jayadeva Hospital, Bengaluru; Corneas - Lion's Eye Bank, Mysuru.

"More than 300 transplants have been performed by Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru's transplant team and I commend their dedication and timely coordination for all the transplants," said Bharateesha Reddy, Vice-President and Unit Head, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru.

Drawing inspiration from a recent transplant of M. Sharath Kumar in December 2021 the deceased family has come forward on their own for this noble cause which is a good sign, he said.

Apollo BGS Hospitals has thanked Dr. K. Sudhakar, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, who has been a great support in promoting organ donations in villages and also reaching out to general public through his social media handles and Lijamol Joseph, Chief Transplant Coordinator & Jeeva Sarthakathe team for carrying out sustained deceased donor transplantation activities.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

For BJP, the gains from this election are obvious. In 2017, the party banked only Narendra Modi's charisma to come to power in UP; today, it has a leader in Yogi Adityanath, who plays virtuoso music on Hindutva strings and additionally seems to have established a degree of administrative control during the pandemic. The idea of the double-engine sarkar, with Modi at the Centre and Yogi in UP, seems to have worked.

Clearly, Modi is the basic cake of development and empowerment, while Yogi is the icing on the cake for those with Hindutva in their hearts. But it is premature to think that Yogi has arrived on the national scene. Modi is the leader who matters, for he has successfully transformed himself and BJP into a viable pro-poor party of the Centre-Right.

Three other points also need to be made. One, we are consistently under-estimating the women's vote. We saw that in Bihar, and we are seeing that again in UP, and this time they went the whole hog for BJP. Two, the scope for minority vote consolidation is self-defeating for Muslims, for it induces counter-polarisation among Hindus. Three, elections are about economics and emotive issues. Parties that try to focus only on one aspect cannot capture or remain in power.

— R. Jagannathan in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Huge opal sells for nearly 1,44,000 dollars

Alaska: A gemstone, billed as one of the largest gem-quality opals in existence, was sold for 1,43,750 dollars at auction in Alaska on Sunday.

The opal, dubbed the "Americus Australis," weighs more than 11,800 carats, according to the auction house Alaska Premier Auctions & Appraisals. It also has a long history.

Most recently, it was kept in a linen closet in a home in Big Lake, north of Anchorage, by Fred von Brandt, who mines for gold in Alaska and whose family has deep roots in the gem and rock business.

The opal is larger than a brick and is broken into two pieces, which von Brandt said was a practice used decades ago to prove gem quality.

'Russian Popeye' with jelly injected arms

Moscow: The man dubbed the 'Russian Popeye' because of his artificially pumped-up arms has left fans seriously concerned, with many urging him to seek medical attention.

Kirill Tereshin, who goes by the name Ruki Bazuki on social media, has been likened to the cartoon character after injecting petroleum jelly into his arms to give himself gigantic 'muscles'.

While he's proved popular online, amassing over 950,000 followers on TikTok, a number of fans have expressed concern over his health in recent clips.

The 25-year-old has undergone numerous corrective surgeries, including one last year to remove lumps of hardened jelly and 'dead muscle' from his biceps. Tereshin had begun with synthol injections in 2017 in an attempt to get bigger arms.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Consuming too much of painkiller medications can potentially damage your kidneys. Beware !

By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa - Consultant Nephrology & Transplant Physician
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Three-day A.V. Prakash Memorial Concerts in city from tomorrow

Vid. Harish *Vid. Krishna Pawan* *Vidu. Akshatha*

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, is organising the annual 'Venu Vidwan A.V. Prakash Memorial Music Concerts' at Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Sri Chandramolishwara Temple premises, V.V. Mohalla, in city from Mar. 16 to 18, daily at 6 pm.

Mar. 16: Saxophone concert by Vid. Harish Pandav accompanied by Vid. Thandavamurthy on violin, Vid. Mysuru Vadiraj on mridanga and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda on ghata.

Mar. 17: Flute concert by Vid. Krishna Pawan Kumar accompanied by Vid. C.N.Thyagaraju on violin, Vid. Pawan Madhav Masur on mridanga and Vid. Raghunadan Rao on ghata.

Mar. 18: Vocal Concert by Vidu. Akshatha Rudrapatna accompanied by Vidu. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. S. Kumaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. Shyam on ghata.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2512422.

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- ***The world's first Granite Temple is the Brihadeswara Temple at Tanjavur, Tamil Nadu. The shikhara of the temple is made from a single 80-tonne piece of granite. This magnificent temple was built in just five years (between 1004 AD and 1009 AD) during the reign of Rajaraja Chola.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

PE teacher: "Look at me, I exercise every day and I can lift three hundred pounds."
"That's nothing, sir," shouted a boy. "I know a woman who can lift five hundred pounds."
"Good gracious, who's that?" gasped the teacher.
"A cashier at the bank, Sir!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 76.46
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.66
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.82
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.94

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	MARCH 13	MARCH 14
Day's Positive Cases	7	11
Total Positive Cases	2,29,405	2,29,416
Day's Discharges	0	20
Total Discharges	2,26,795	2,26,815
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,557	2,557
Total Active Cases	56	44

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Stop this 'burning' problem near Lake

Sir,

The picture published above was taken at the adjacent area of Dalvoy Lake, where people are burning the waste unscientifically, leading to pollution of the Lake as well as the surrounding area.

And the smoke/fumes from burning the waste again are a threat to the people residing in nearby areas.

On behalf of the citizens, I request the authorities concerned to stop this 'burning' problem.

—A concerned citizen
Mysuru
9.3.2022

Annual Conference of Rotary District 3181 held

Mysuru, Mar. 15- The Annual Conference of Rotary District 3181 was held from Mar. 11 to 13 at a private farm at RT Nagar in Mysuru. Kamal Bali, President and MD of Volvo India, was the chief guest.

"Do not follow where the path may lead, go where there is no path and leave a trail," was his call for the youths of this country and service organisations like Rotary.

Kamal also requested everyone to come out of the nut shell and become leaders without any titles or designations.

"Leadership is not a post but a commitment and dedication towards a responsibility," he said.

Pandemic has taught us resilience, trust and perseverance qualities essential for true leaders, he said and concluded by sharing an acronym ECCO — Empathy, Care, Courage and Optimism — which is a true requirement for a leader to take his team together.

Rtn. PDG. K. Sreeramamurthy, who was the Rotary International President's representative, spoke about membership development as more and more volunteers are needed to serve the world.

He said it is not only the responsibility of the Rotary leaders but all Rotarians should bring one good individual into Rotary fold. He was all praise for the arrangements of Rotary District Conference being held after the pandemic.

Rotary District Governor Rtn. Ravindra Bhat and other Rotary officers were present on the occasion.

The Conference held for three days witnessed celebrity guests like Gurukiran, Ramesh Aravind, Doddanna, Prakash Belavadi, Rishi Prasanna, Dr. Poorvi Jayaraj, Rakesh Shyam, Rohan Ganapathy, SP R. Chethan, Sonu Venugopal and Comedian Suhas Navarathna.

Chairman of the Conference Rtn. Raghavendra supervised the arrangements. Rotarians from Mangaluru, Chamarajanagar, Kollegal, Kodagu and Nanjangud participated with family in the three-day Conference of Rotary District 3181 which was held for the sixth time.

Academy Fellowship Awarded

Dr. Nanjunda

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Dr. D.C. Nanjunda, Associate Professor at the Centre for Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore, has been awarded Karnataka Are Bhashe Sahitya Academy Research Fellowship for the year 2021-22.

Today, Arebashe community which are a part of the subculture complex, are facing identity crisis and cultural assimilation due to rapid globalisation and migration. Their language is also under threat. In this backdrop, Nanjunda has been awarded this research fellowship to work on 'Cultural Identity and Mobility among Arebashe Community in Mysore District'.

He is a recipient of nine different researches of the various agencies and a columnist too.

Mysuru Jail to allow visitors to meet prisoners from Mar. 21

Mysuru, Mar.15- After a nearly two-year break on account of COVID pandemic, the prisoners lodged in Mysuru Central Jail will get an opportunity to meet visitors for a specified time on specific dates, starting from Mar. 21 (Monday).

The Jail authorities had stopped such contact between visitors and prisoners following the outbreak of the deadly pandemic two years ago. But now as the pandemic has subsided, the Jail authorities are resuming contacts. As such family members, relatives, friends etc., who wish to meet prisoners lodged in Mysuru Central Jail can register in advance through e-mail, WhatsApp and Phone and arrive at the Jail at the specified time on the allowed date.

The visitors should not be suffering from any COVID symptoms and should have received two doses of vaccine. Also, they are required to strictly follow COVID appropriate behaviour.

For more details, call Ph: 0821-2492089 or Mob: 94808-06432 or log on to the website: *cpmys.prisons-kar@gov.in*, according to a press release.

IT and digital knowledge vital for banking services: MUDA Commissioner

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (SBD&DM)- Banking job aspirants should be well-versed in IT (Information Technology) and digital knowledge, said MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh.

He was speaking at the valedictory of the 45-day coaching class for banking recruitment exams organised by the Competitive Exams Coaching Centre of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) at KSOU Campus in Muktagangothri here on Saturday last.

Maintaining that banking literacy is on the rise in the country, thanks to the digital revolution, Dr. Natesh observed that in such a situation the aspirants should have sound knowledge of IT and other digital banking services. Stressing on the need for the examinees to read newspapers daily in order to keep themselves abreast of the latest developments, he opined that it is important to note down all the contents that would help them prepare for the exams.

Contending that reading business and commerce newspapers would hugely help in expanding our knowledge base, he underlined the importance of having an understanding of the changes that the RBI would make from time to time.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar said that it is difficult for candidates to achieve their set goals if they do not make dedicated, focused and concentrated studies. Cautioning against going wayward, he said that the formula for success in career is continuous and dedicated learning.

Asserting that the entire KSOU has been digitalised, he said that students are benefited by this digitalisation as they can get admission to the course of their choice and also receive degrees online.

Journalist Ravindra Bhat, KSOU Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.B. Praveen, VC's Special Officer Prof. Devaraj, Jnanabuthi's Jainahalli Sathyanarayanagowda, Ganesh, Siddesh Honnur and Sahana were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

As the fourth quarterly maintenance works have been taken up by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) at 66/11 KV R.K. Nagar Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Mar. 16) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: R.K. Nagar 'E' and 'F' Blocks, Vivekananda Circle, Nimishambha Layout, Madhuvana Layout, BEML Layout, Srirampura, Devayyanahundi, Preethi Layout, Saraswathipuram, Gangothri, Kuvempunagar, Janatanagar, Sharadadevi Nagar, Aravinda Nagar, Chikkaharadanahalli, Kuvempunagar Complex, Akshaya Bhandar, K.G. Koppal, DVG Layout, T.K. Layout, Gangothri Layout, Krishnamurthy Layout and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, V.V. Mohalla Sub-Division.

Applications invited

The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from meritorious boys belonging to SC and ST communities for the entrance exam for the admission to 8th standard at Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala. Applications are available at the office of the Department Assistant Director at all the taluks of Mysuru. The filled-in applications, along with copies of caste, income certificate, passport size photos, Aadhaar card, address proof and 7th standard marks card, must be submitted to the office before Apr. 6, according to a press release from Joint Director, Social Welfare Department.

Exam fee: Date extended

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has issued a revised notification for online payment of exam fees for UG and PG degree courses. Last date to pay exam fees along with a penalty of Rs. 200 is Apr. 8. The revised exam dates will be announced shortly in the KSOU website ***https://www.ksoumysuru.ac.in/***. For details, contact Mob: 88003-35638.

Rs. 5 lakh donated to Mysuru Zoo

Chem-Trend Chemical Company Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, has donated a sum of Rs. 5 lakh to Mysuru Zoo on 28.2.2022 under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund for upkeep of animals at Mysuru Zoo (Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden). The Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) has expressed its gratitude to the Chemical Company for their generosity.

Three killed, over 40 injured as KSRTC bus falls into gorge

Hanur, Mar. 15 (Somu&KS)- Three passenger including a woman were killed and more than 40 injured when the KSRTC bus in which they were travelling from Kollegal to P.G. Palya fell into a gorge after the driver lost control of the bus near P.G. Palya in the taluk yesterday.

The deceased have been identified as Shivamma (70) and Sannarayappa (70) of Maliganatta village and Ramesh (30) of P.G. Palya. While Shivamma died on the spot, Sannarayappa and Ramesh breathed their last while being rushed to Holy Cross Hospital at Kamagere. Those injured have been admitted to Kollegal Sub-Division Hospital and six children who have sustained serious injuries have been admitted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru.

Details: Yesterday, the KSRTC bus with about 85 passengers, including 27 children, was proceeding from Kollegal to P.G. Palya and when it neared Maliganatta village, the bus driver is said to have lost control of the bus which fell into a gorge at about 3 pm.

Villagers, who were working in nearby agricultural fields, on hearing screams, rushed to the spot and rescued the passengers from the bus. The injured were rushed to P.G. Palya PHC and about 39 passengers, who had sustained severe injuries, were shifted to Kollegal Sub-Division Hospital. Among 39 injured passengers, 33 have been admitted as in-patients and the remaining six were shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru.

Meanwhile, MLA Narendra, who is attending the Assembly Session, on learning about the incident, contacted the officials concerned and collected information from them.

He then held a talk with District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Vishweshwaraiah and instructed the DHO to provide necessary medical care. The MLA then contacted the Kollegal KSRTC Depot Manager and instructed him to visit the family of the deceased persons and take steps to provide compensation as per the rules.

BJP leader Venkatesh, on learning about the accident, took steps to send ambulances and other vehicles to the spot to shift the injured to hospitals. His action has been appreciated by the public.

Karnataka to have four Dy.CMs?

Bengaluru, Mar. 15 (KMS& TRR)- Reports on the State BJP leadership exerting pressure on the Central leadership to create four Deputy Chief Ministers (Dy.CMs) are doing the rounds in the political circles of the State.

It is rumoured that appointment of four Dy.CMs to assist the Chief Minister is being worked out and it remains to be seen whether the party's Central leadership gives green signal to such a proposal.

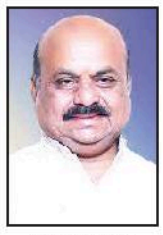
Discussions are on in the State BJP about the prospects of grooming a second line of leadership. It is believed that to add more political power and to strengthen the hands of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and as well grooming a strong second line of leadership in the State, efforts are on to urge the party High Command to create four Dy.CM posts representing the politically dominant four major communities of the State — Lingayat, Vokkaliga, OBCs and SC/ST.

State leaders are said to be batting for allotting one Dy.CM post each to Old Mysore, Coastal Karnataka, Mumbai Karnataka and Kalyana Karnataka (formerly Hyderabad Karnataka) regions, thus maintaining regional balance.

Meanwhile, two teams consisting of 18 top leaders of the party have landed in Bengaluru to meet MLAs, party leaders and top RSS functionaries. They are expected to collect information about the style of functioning of the State Government, performance of Ministers and the attitude of people in their inner circles, people's opinion about the Ministers and their responsiveness in addressing issues. The team is also likely to gather information about the State Party President and his organisational capabilities and also about leadership qualities of other office-bearers in the State unit. It is learnt that the Central leadership of the BJP will decide on future steps to be taken based on the reports of the two teams.

BJP will come to power on Modi's charisma in 2023: Chief Minister

Amidst these developments, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said that the charisma and development programmes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the strength of the party organisation will help the BJP in coming to power again in the State.



Basavaraj Bommai

He was speaking at a function organised at Jagannatha Bhavana to thank Union Ministers Prahlad Joshi & Shobha Karandlaje and BJP National General Secretary C.T. Ravi, who were in-charge of the recently held Assembly elections to five States, where the party did exceedingly well. He further added that the party should similarly work hard in the State to bring BJP back to power in the 2023 Assembly elections.

Stating that the BJP's victory in the recently held Assembly elections in the five States are in fact a victory for the leadership of Narendra Modi, Bommai contended that this was the semi-final for 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"The people of Uttar Pradesh have endorsed the leadership of Modiji and Yogiji. The electorate has accepted the BJP's narrative of nationalism and hindutva ideology. It is a victory for development works in Uttarakhand. Election in Goa was complex in nature for the party and victory there was achieved there by uniting party workers. In case of Punjab, the party has established its own base. By winning 4 out of 5 States, the BJP has recorded unprecedented victory, which is a stamp of the popularity and power of Modi," the CM noted.

State BJP President and MP Nalin Kumar Kateel said that the Central leadership of the party has confidence in the party workers and expressed the hope that BJP will win the 2023 Assembly elections and retain power with a comfortable majority.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi described the State Budget presented by CM Bommai as very good and lauded the State Government's programme to deliver revenue documents at the doorsteps of the people, which he said was a historical initiative.

He concluded by saying that the programmes, plans, projects, initiatives and schemes of Yediyurappa and Bommai Governments should reach the targeted beneficiaries and even the last person in the society should be benefited by them.

Grand Vairamudi Utsava held at Melukote

Chief Minister Bommai, Yaduveer couple offer prayers to deity

Mandya, Mar.15 (Vinay Karekura)- *Vairamudi Utsava* of Cheluvanarayanaswamy Temple at Melukote in Pandavapura taluk of Mandya district was held with grandeur, with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai taking part.

The *Utsava* was held in a grand manner after a two-year scaled down celebration due to COVID pandemic.

Speaking on the occasion, Bommai said that the Government would consider formation of Melukote Temple Board on the lines of Tirupati-Tirumala Devasthanams Board. Pointing out that the hill shrine of Melukote has a number of Kalyanis (ponds), he said that all measures will be taken for development of the temple and rejuvenation of Kalyanis.

Earlier, Bommai launched the *Utsava* by showering petals on Vairamudi after Garuda Deva procession and Mahamangalarathi. The *Vairamudi,* a diamond studded legendary crown, was brought from the District Treasury at Mandya under tight security. The *Utsava Murthy* was adorned with the crown, following which the *Utsava* was set in motion at about 8.30 pm. Thousands of devotees from different parts of the State as well as from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, had lined up along the streets of the temple town to have a glimpse of the deity as the *Utsava Murthy* was taken out in a grand procession.

Mandya District Minister K. Gopalaiah, Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayanagowda, Melukote MLA C.S. Puttaraju, Religious Endowments Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, Mysuru Royal family members Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar, Mandya DC S. Aswathi, SP N. Yatish, Pandavapura Assistant Commissioner Shivanandamurthy and other officials were present.

Minister Gopalaiah, SP Yatish, Srirangapatna Tahsildar Shwetha Ravindra and other officials carried the *Vairamudi* atop their head and marched for some distance, seeking the blessings of the deity.

As part of the *Utsava,* Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy temple, Cheluvanarayanaswamy temple, Kalyanis, Mantaps, Government buildings and a few other establishments were specially illuminated for the occasion.

The Mandya District Administration and the Police had made elaborate arrangements for smooth conduct of the *Utsava,* which is part of the 13-day annual Vairamudi Jatra Mahotsava at Melukote that is taking place from Mar. 9 to 21.

The KSRTC ran special services from different places of the State to Melukote. The authorities provided drinking water facilities, sanitation facilities and had set up several health counters at different points around the temple. There were separate parking lots for two-wheelers, four-wheelers, buses and other public transport vehicles.

Security was stepped up in the vicinity of the temple with a large posse of Policemen standing guard all along the roads to the temple. Lakhs of devotees are expected to take part in the *Jatra.*

Women need peaceful atmosphere at work-place: Mandya DC Aswathi

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&DM)- Maintaining that women need a peaceful atmosphere at work-places, Mandya Deputy Commissioner S. Aswathi said that women can give their best at places where they are respected.

She was speaking as the chief guest at the International Women's Day celebration organised jointly by University of Mysore, Sparsha and Women Studies Centre at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri here recently.

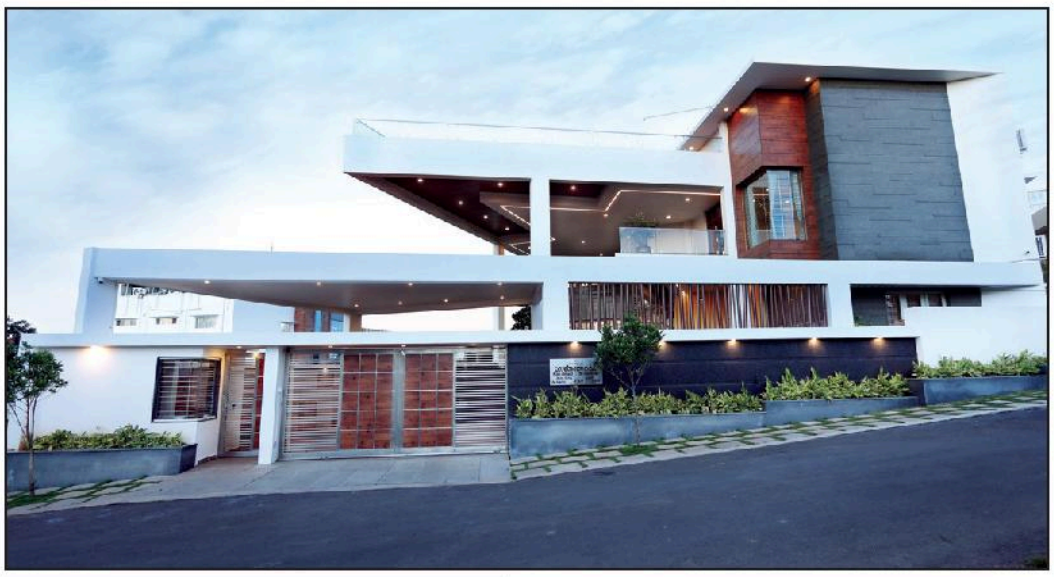
Pointing out that a woman needs a good atmosphere whether she is working at home, office, industry or any other organisation, Aswathi observed that everyone in the society should make efforts for maintaining gender equality.

Film Director Sumana Kittur, in her address, opined that of late, atrocities and domestic violence against women are on the decline. Pointing out that women too should have equal opportunities just as men, she said that with women excelling in all fields, the time has come for ending gender discrimination or bias.

University women staff, Medical officers and those who had served as Corona warriors were felicitated on the occasion.

Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presided. Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Jnanaprakash, Finance Officer Dr. Sangeetha Gajanana Bhat, Syndicate member Dr. Chaitra Narayan, Y.K. Pavitra, Prof.Ashamanjari, Dr. Asima Nusrat, Prof. S.M. Mangala, K. Manjula, Dr. Yashoda, Dr. Jyothi, Dr. Sapna, Chikkajyothi and others were present.

City's architectural firm wins award



'VIBGYOR Architects' was awarded as the best architectural firm at the UltraTech 'Mera Makaan, Meri Shaan Competition 2020' — a building competition for its uniqueness and how well it is built — for having designed a residential building named 'Yashodhalaya' owned by Gopal Swamy at Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru. This building has won the State Award from Karnataka under the Pan India competition. H.S. Deepak of Deep Consultant was the Structural Consultant and Raviraj Constructions was the constructor. ACCE(I)-UltraTech Awards 2021 ceremony was held on March 5 at Windflower Resorts. Picture shows VIBGYOR's Ar. Pulikeshi B. Wari (left) and Ar. Chandan Kumar Chindi.

Save Chamundi Hill: Emergency meeting

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"Mysuru, Srirangapatna, Vijayapura and Kalaburagi were all heritage cities as per the Government Order. In 2014, 14 cities including Badami, Belur, Halebeedu and other places were included. In the same year, Bengaluru was also included in the Heritage cities list. It is now our responsibility to save our city and its nature," Heritage expert Prof. Rangaraju said.

"Chamundi Hill has its own tradition and religious significance. There is no need to attract tourists and visitors to the Hill by constructing a ropeway. The Government is trying to make a business out of the proposed project and there is a need to save Chamundi Hill from developmental destructions," he added.

Save Chamundi Hill Committee's Parashuramappa also spoke at the meeting.

Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, who too spoke, said that he had grown up seeing and visiting Chamundi Hill. He said that Chamundi Hill is full of delicate rocks and digging trenches or pits to erect poles will be dangerous. Ropeway project will lead to destruction of greenery and the Hill may turn barren. How can we bring back nature if it dies, he questioned and called upon Mysureans to unite and oppose ropeway plans of the Government.

It was decided in the meeting to hold a day-long seminar involving religious leaders, scientists, heritage experts, political leaders, environmentalists and others to discuss about the destructions of Chamundi Hill going on in the name of development. The date of the seminar will be announced soon.

Senior folk scholar Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara, Director of Clean Mysuru Foundation Leela Venkatesh, Foundation's Leela Shivakumar, Suguna and Susheela, Parisara Balaga's Anjana, Ramegowda and Prabha, retired Assistant Executive Engineer Manjunath, bird-watchers Shailajesh, D.H. Tanuja, Sadiq Pasha, Kusuma and others were present.

BVB fetes grave-digger Neelamma

As part of International Women's Day, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, felicitated Neelamma, a grave-digger at the burial ground in Vidyaranyapuram, after a video presentation on her life, at BVB premises in Vijayanagar. She is seen with (standing from left) Jayashree, S. Vidya Shree, Vijaya Narasimham, Principal, BVB School, Prof. A.T. Bhashyam, Treasurer, BVB Mysuru, P.S. Ganapathy, Hon. Secretary, BVB Mysuru, Shantha, Kumari and Girish.

Women pledge for organ donation

Mysuru, Mar. 15- On the occasion of International Women's Day, Inner Wheel Club of Mysore AISIRI, in association with Adithya Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT), Vidyaranyapuram, had organised an eye and organ donation camp along with JSS Hospital at the Institute premises.

Dr. Shanthanu Gulati, who addressed the women, briefed on the importance of eye and organ donation. He stated that eye donation can be done by anybody even if they are suffering from any disease and from one person five people can get the vision.

Anitha Venkatesh, Chairperson and Managing Director of AIMIT, motivated the gathering for organ donation.

Radha Vinay, President of IWC Mysuru AISIRI, welcomed. Rashmi Nagendra, VP of IWC Mysuru AISIRI, proposed a vote of thanks. BDA Keerthi Kumar from JSS said that out of the 25 selected members,16 have pledged their eyes for donation and 8 members for organ donation.

SWR Mysuru Division honours women staff

Mysuru, Mar. 15- The Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) celebrated International Women's Day at Mysuru Railway Station under the theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow."

Kalika Agarwal, President, South Western Railway Women Welfare Organisation (SWRWWO), Mysuru Division, inaugurated the programme by lighting the traditional lamp. Speaking on the occasion, she said that the contribution of women in every field of life is massive and was heartening to see the outstanding role played by women during the COVID pandemic.

She emphasised that women's day should be celebrated not only on one day but they should be honoured and celebrated each and every day and urged to recognise the significance of women in our life and society.

In all, 36 women housekeeping staff working at Mysuru Railway Station who are involved in upkeep of station cleanliness and the lone woman licensed Rail Sahayak over South Western Railway were handed over mementoes on the occasion by SWRWWO.

Out of total strength of 611 women employees, 11 meritorious women employees of Mysuru Division who have excelled in their duties were felicitated by Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), in a separate valedictory programme organised later in the day at Chamundi Club, Yadavagiri.

Budati Srinivasalu, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Prashanth Mastiholi, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer and other Senior Officers were present.

Various entertainment programmes like rangoli competition, cooking competition and other cultural programmes and games were also conducted.

Second State-level Publishers Conference in city

'Govt. should allot funds for single window scheme of Libraries Department'

Mysuru, Mar.15 (PM&DM)- Observing that the Government must do more for promotion of Kannada books and publications, renowned Publisher of the city, T.S. Chayapathi of Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamaale, who is also the Chairman of the Second State-level Publishers Conference, appealed the Government to allot a minimum of Rs.10 crore for the single window scheme of the Libraries Department.

He was delivering the presidential address of the day-long Second State-level Publishers Conference organised by Kannada Book Authority (KBA) at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall here this morning.

Pointing out that the publishing industry has made huge progress using the latest technology and techniques, Chayapathi regretted that students nowadays seem to be more dependent on online mode of learning rather than reading or referring books.

Bemoaning that the Book Authority is purchasing only seven books of each Publisher, Chayapathi said that the Authority should give preference for quality books in procurements.

Maintaining that the launching of single window scheme has helped publication of books on a large-scale, Chayapathi however said that at the same time, it is regretful to note that the publishers are failing to publicise or advertise their publications.

Observing that one hardly sees any advertisement in newspapers on publication of books, he said that, however, digital publishing has come to the fore these days, which can cut costs.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and T.S. Chayapathi, Publisher, Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Granthamale, seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Second Publishers Conference at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in city this morning as (from left) Kannada Book Authority Member Dr. R.B. Gadigemath, Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. M.N. Nandeesh Hanche, In-Charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Karnataka Publishers Association President Prakash Kambathalli and Kannada Book Authority Administrative Officer Kiran Singh look on.

Digital library concept

Pointing out that the digital library concept is gaining popularity these days, he said that according to the Libraries Department Director, Karnataka stands first in digitalisation of Libraries.

Recalling his journey in the field of publication, Chayapathi said that just as the saying 'For every successful man, there is a woman behind,' his wife always came for his support in his work.

Contending that it is vital for a Publisher to have promotional ability, he said that this quality, coupled with his vast experience, has made him what he is today.

Kannada Book Authority Chairman Dr. Nandeesh Hanche, in his address, said that the Government has sanctioned Rs.1.5 crore for 'Abhijatha Kannada Sahitya Kalyana Yojane'. But it is not an easy task to get funds released by the bureaucracy, he noted.

Pointing out that an e-Book initiative has been launched for Kannada literary works, he said that the Authority has planned to create a new website where Publishers can upload their books for reaching out to the readers.

A total of 165 Publishers and writers from across the State attended this event, while the organisers had expected that about 500 would turn up. The event featured lectures on the challenges and opportunities and other related issues concerning the Publishing industry.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion.

In-Charge Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Karnataka Publishers Association President Prakash Kambathalli, Kannada Book Authority Member Dr. R.B. Gadigemath, Administrative Officer Kiran Singh and others were present. Meanwhile, the week-long Kannada Book Mela, organised by the Authority will conclude today.

'Appu Sambhrama' Musical Night on Mar. 19

Puneeth Rajkumar

Mysuru, Mar.15 (MTY&TRR)- 'Appu Sambhrama,' a musical night has been organised at Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall in Krishnamurthypuram here on Mar. 19 from 4 pm.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakartara Bhavana on Sunday, B.S. Jayaramaraju of PRK Music Orchestra said that as part of the birth anniversary of Power Star Puneeth Rajkumar, who had an untimely death, a musical tribute is being paid on Mar. 19 from 4 pm to 9 pm.

Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Melukote, MLC C.N. Manjegowda, Ln. K. Devegowda and others will attend the programme.

To mark the 47th birthday of Puneeth Rajkumar, singers from the city will sing 47 songs.

The singers include Jayaram, Ravisantu, Sarvamangala, Rashmi Srinivas, Sowmyshree among others.

In addition, under the aegis of Lions Jeevadhara Blood Bank and Annapoorna Eye Hospital, blood donation and eye donation camps are also being organised. Singers Srikanta Rao, Prakash, Gururaj, Kichha Mahesh and Drummer William were present at the press meet.

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Seminar on Prof. Champa's Life and Works held

Prof. Bhagawan wants complete volume on Prof. Chandrashekhar Patil's literary works

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (PM&TRR)- 'Kannadigas should read the literature of Prof. Chandrashekhar Patil (Champa) again and again. To facilitate this, the Department of Kannada and Culture should take interest to publish the entire volume of his works," demanded writer Prof. K.S. Bhagawan.

Prof. Champa

Prof. Bhagawan, who chaired a State-level Seminar titled 'Prof. Champa Avara Baduku-Baraha' (Prof. Champa's Life and Works), organised jointly by Akhila Karnataka Kuvempu Samskrutika Vedike, Bengaluru and Kannada Development Authority (KDA), at District Kannada Sahitya Bhavana in Vijayanagar First Stae here, said that all the literary works of Prof. Champa should be made available to the readers and urged the Department of Kannada and Culture to initiate steps in this direction.

Recalling Prof. Champa's love for Kannada, Prof. Bhagawan said that nobody can question his love and commitment to his mother-tongue, even though he was a Professor of English and felt that Champa had respect for everybody but never followed anybody blindly.

"Prof. Champa had the mind of a critic and the present day youths should study his writings. Though he wrote in a language which is easily understandable to everybody, he never wrote to please anyone," opined Prof. Bhagawan.

Dr. Santosh Hanagalla, Secretary, KDA, who inaugurated the seminar, said that Prof. Champa is like a ocean of knowledge and added that he was a fighter, poet, humorist and a rebel who encouraged rebel literature *(Bandaya Sahitya)*.

"Prof. Champa, who was the Chairman of KDA, started the tradition of appointment of members by the Government to the 'Kannada Jagruti Samithi' at the district-level. Apart from this, he used to visit various Government Offices to oversee the usage of Kannada there and there were also instances of him bringing the English typewriting machines from the Government Offices and storing them in Vidhana Soudha. Such was his love and commitment for Kannada," he said and added that he was not in favour of any political party.

Kannada Development Authority turns 30

Kannada Development Authority (KDA) will be completing 30 years this year and it is all set to celebrate the occasion.

"Of the many who served as the Chairman of Kannada Development Authority, only four are amidst us now. All the departed souls and their services will be remembered on the occasion. 25 books brought out by KDA have been recently released by the Governor," disclosed Dr. Santosh Hanagalla.

Senior Research Scholar and writer from Hospet, Vijayanagar, Dr. Rajashekar Jamadandi and Maharaja's College Associate Professor in Kannada Dr. Shahseena Begum presented papers on Prof. Champa.

Senior littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal, former President of State Government Employees Association H.K. Ramu, Spandana Samskrutika Parishat President T. Satish Javaregowda, Akhila Karnataka Kuvempu Samskrutika Vedike President Suresh Jeevanmukhi and others were present during the occasion.

18 Kannada books in cold storage?

Senior Research Scholar Dr. Rajashekar Jamadandi demanded that the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK), which is presently under the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), be declared as an autonomous body and alleged that certain vested interests were blocking the publication of 18 books prepared at the Centre.

Presenting a paper on Prof. Champa, Dr. Rajashekar Jamadandi said that Kannada was accorded the status of a Classical Language only because many, including Prof. Champa, have fought for it. But the CESCK, which is now under the grip of CIIL, should be freed.

"People who are in-charge of the administration here have no knowledge of Kannada. The books which were cleared for publication by the earlier Director have now been blocked by the present Director. Unlike Central Institute of Classical Tamil (formerly known as the Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil - CECT), the CESCK is unable to carry out its activities. Many senior researchers who did good work have been removed and new-comers have been recruited. Because of this, works related to Kannada have taken a backseat," rued Dr. Rajashekar Jamadandi.

'Will bring demands of Pharmacy Officers to the notice of the Government'

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (PM&DM)- Asserting that the demands of Pharmacy Officers are fair and just, Karnataka State Government Employees Association President C.S. Shadakshari said that he would bring them to the notice of the Government and strive for its fulfilment.

He was speaking after launching the 60th National Pharmacy Week organised by Mysuru and Chamarajanagar district unit of Pharmacy Officers Association at a private hotel here on Sunday.

Noting that Pharmacy Officers have served as frontline warriors during COVID times, Shadakshari opined that it is not correct to deprive them of incentives for all the service they have rendered.

Contending that there is no compromise on the demand that State Government employees should get wages on par with the Central Government staff, he said that efforts will be made for getting this demand fulfilled by the Government by the end of this year. He further said that former CM B.S. Yediyurappa too has agreed to the demand and assured to talk to the Government in this regard, he said.

Karnataka State Government Employees Association President C.S. Shadakshari addressing the gathering at the 60th National Pharmacy Week organised by Mysuru and Chamarajanagar district unit of Pharmacy Officers Association at a private hotel in city on Sunday.

Government Pharmacy Officers Association State President V. Prabhakar, in his address, said that Pharmacy Officers have been serving in the same post that they are holding without any promotion for the past 30 years.

Pointing out that many Pharmacy posts are vacant, he regretted that no recruitments are taking place.

Meritorious children of the Association members were presented 'Pratibha Puraskar' and retired Pharmacy staff were felicitated on the occasion.

Health and Family Welfare Department Director Dr. M. Indumathi, Mysuru DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad, Health and Family welfare Mysuru Divisional Joint Director Dr. M.R. Udaykumar, Association's Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Unit President H.N. Umesh Babu, Hon. President V. Manjunath, Karnataka Government Employees Association District President J. Govindaraju, Treasurer R. Srinivas and others were present.

Evenings at RANGAYANA...

Crowds hog on gastronomic delights and finger-licking-good desi delicacies while theatre buffs line up before auditoriums

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (MK,PM&BCT)- Like in pre-COVID years, this year too, Rangayana's Bahuroopi has proved itself to be the biggest theatre festival in Mysuru, drawing not only theatre enthusiasts but also students and the general public.

While there is a huge demand for tickets to select plays, people are also thronging the other attractions like handicraft exhibitions, books and artefacts and of course, the food stalls.

If mornings and afternoons inside the vast Rangayana-Kalamandira campus are empty with only a handful of artistes, stall owners and others preparing to welcome the crowds in the evenings, it is a literal village fair atmosphere after 4 pm and by 6 pm, every inch of Rangayana is crowded and aroma of delicacies permeates the air, increasing the hunger pangs.

Brightly dressed art and theatre-lovers, college students, youths and the womenfolk dominate the walkways, stone benches, steps and corridors taking a look at various attractions lined up as part of the theatre festival.

As soon as the ticket counters are open, long queues are seen in front of them and as the auditoriums cannot accommodate more than capacity crowds, many proceed towards the other attractions. Only a handful of tickets are sold at the venue as most of them are booked online.

Cloth bags are the main attraction here and the stall offers a wide variety of them for reasonable prices. Thanks to a plastic ban in Mysuru, people are buying bags of various sizes to suit their needs to go to the market to buy household items. There are over 30 stalls selling handicrafts and clothes.

Likewise, there is a considerable crowd always in front of the book-stalls where literature on drama and theatre are being sold. A wide array of exhibits that include handlooms, handicrafts and eco-friendly products are displayed at various stalls.

Gastronomic journey

One aspect of Bahuroopi that gathers a lot of public attention every year is the wide range of food stalls. Right from 11.30 am, the food stalls are open and all of them get crowded by the evening. So much so that even large quantities of delicacies are polished off in no time by the crowd who go to the wash area licking their fingers.

The lip-smacking menu includes specialities like Jolada Rotti, Ennegai, Chutney, Mandakki and Mirchi Bajji. Notably, the delicacies from the North Karnataka region are in great demand. Despite the sweltering heat, people prefer the hot and spicy Mandakki and Mirchi Bajji.

Mallakamba stunts by Siddharooda Hoogar's troupe from Dharwad attracted crowds at Kindarijogi Janapadaranga premises on March 14.

The Jolada Rotti and Ennegai is served along with various chutneys like Shenga chutney, Uchchellu chutney and Agasi chutney. Likewise, Bagalkot specialities like Akki Rotti, Ragi Roti and Avarekalu chutney, Girmit, Holige, Vada, Dharwad Peda, Karadantu, Belagavi Kunda, Malnad Honey Jalebi are a big draw.

Mysore-style churumuri

Taking on the competition offered by North Karnataka delicacies is Mysore-style churumuri. The churumuri-making process is a sure salivating experience — starting from the pouring of puffed rice and tasty masalas to a steel vessel and mixing them with more spices and sweet.

If one likes sweetish or spicy, the churumuri is made as per the desired taste. But the best is original taste, a mixture of sweet, salt and sour, with small pieces of raw mango and banana stem.

Malnad Todadevu

A special mention has to be made here about Todadevu. It is a Malnad speciality where locally-grown rice is ground and mixed with sugarcane juice and a bit of jaggery to make a watery concoction.

This is spread on an upturned earthen pot, placed on a wood-fired stove. Less than a minute later, the crisp brown crepe is folded to form a triangle of intense sweetness. It is usually eaten plain or with ghee and milk. Halubai, a sweet dish made of millets, too is pulling crowds.

Interestingly, none of the stalls sells fast food and all of them prepare and market exclusive and healthy desi dishes. Artist Akshatha Pandavapura has opened a stall that sells Ragi Majige, Huruli Soup, soft Ragi Mudde and Uppsaru. This stall opened on a Gandhian theme is quite popular as there are many takers for the delicacies dished out from the counter.

Other popular dishes that are quite in demand and often savoured by the crowd are Mangaluru Buns, Datta Special Churumuri, Raja Special, Melukote Puliyogare, Davanagere Benne Dose, Neer Dose, sugarcane juice, Kotte Idli, and Mangaluru Bajji.

Yakshagana** Chakravyuha **being performed by Siri Kala Mela at Vanaranga on March 12.

Staging of Kannada play** Hakki Kathe **by Shivamogga Rangayana at Kalamandira on March 14.

Free plays at Kalamandira on March 16 to March 18

To popularise theatre among the masses, free plays have been organised at Kalamandira from Mar. 16 to 18, as part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival. Here are the details:

March 16

Rama Ravana Yuddha (Kannada)

Troupe: Rangayana, Kalaburagi
Stage Adaptation: Mahantesh Raichur
Direction: Sri Venkatesha Mastara Yapaladinni

March 17

Veera Viragi Bahubali (Kannada)

Troupe: Gramaranga, Ingalagi
Playwright and Direction: M.S. Malawada

March 18

Sri Krishna Rayabhara (Kannada)

Troupe: Rangarathnakara, Mysuru.
Playwright: B. Puttaswamayya
Direction: C. Siddalingegowda Chinakurali

WORD OF THE DAY

Milieu

Pronunciation: meel-YOO.
Meaning: A milieu is the physical or social setting in which something occurs or develops. The word is synonymous with environment.
Origin: Milieu comes from Old French mi (meaning "middle") and lieu ("place"). The word refers to an environment or setting. In English, lieu also is used to mean "place" and most often occurs in the phrase "in lieu of," as in "Cash is preferred but in lieu of cash a credit card is acceptable."
Example: "Before the pandemic, a lot of people were focused on how to make a home office sustainable ... and that includes not only how the milieu is conducive to productivity, but also how it helps you establish a good work-life balance....." — Ashlee Piper

THE ODD WORD

Macrotous

Big-eared.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Method to my madness

Meaning: This funny phrase: 'method to my madness' means that there is often a reason behind someone's mysterious behaviour.
Origin: This phrase is based on a line from Shakespeare 's Hamlet, written in the year 1602.
Example: "At the start of his presentation, it seemed that he's out of his mind, but when he finished, we saw that there's method in his madness."

QUOTE BOX

There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness. — **Friedrich Nietzsche**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

STREAM

Answer: Streamlined.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Alright
5 Hurried or sped
8 At the home of, in French
12 NE US state
13 Italian wine city
14 Campus VIP
15 A single dot as punctuation (4,4)
17 African explorer
19 An inky stain
20 "Dane" changes into an English girl?
22 Fierce look
26 ___ Ga Ga : Queen hit
29 Leave the stage
30 Not elsewhere specified, abbr.
31 Poisonous
33 Gilbertian princess
34 Kerala festival
36 Perfect happiness
38 Poison
40 Inert gas
41 Show violent anger
43 Russian emperors
47 Medium pacer from Delhi and Kapil's bowling partner of days gone by? (5,3)
51 Uncles in Spain
52 Elevator innovator
53 Monty Python member (4,4)
54 Styles
55 Natl. Stock Exchg.
56 Dregs?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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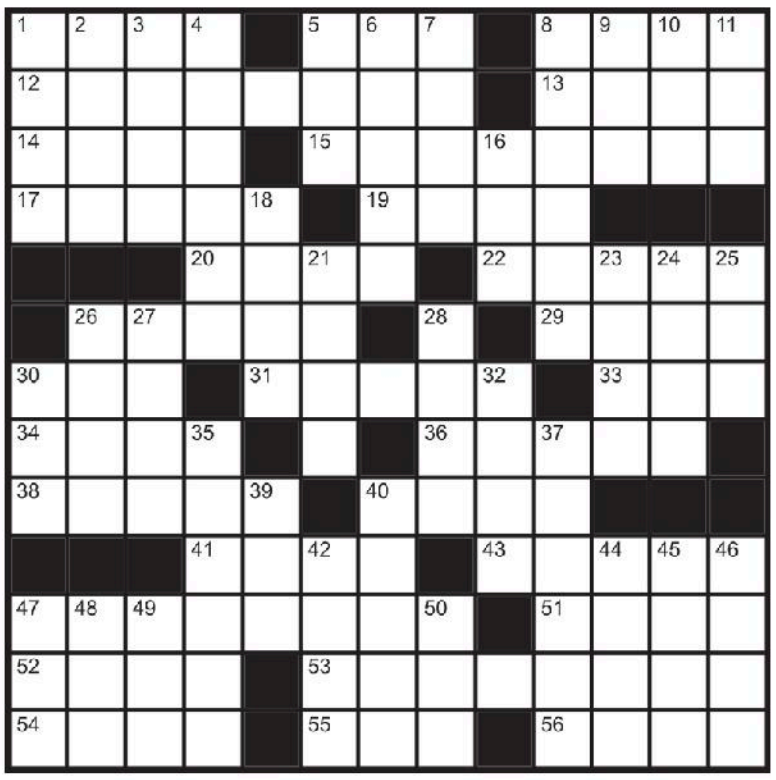
DOWN

1 Betting ring features
2 ___ going : don't give up, in a way?
3 Wings or winglike parts
4 Pulled or tugged sharply
5 British air force in short
6 Caribbean island - "Au Bar" anagram?
7 Little ___ : Dickensian character?
8 Fortified residence of a prince in feudal times
9 FDR's successor
10 WWII zone
11 Energy
16 Limb of a felled tree
18 Prepare work for printing
21 A really cosy corner
23 WWII group
24 Frees or relieves from
25 Greek vowel
26 Hotelier from TV serial 'Allo 'Allo?
27 __ __ example : e.g. ? (2,2)
28 Scoff or jeer
30 Calendar abbr.
32 Congealed blood
35 Marsh or bog?
37 Put knowledge into the mind
39 An adult male
40 Gets closer
42 Scottish valley
44 Assistant
45 Actor's part?
46 Nav. readings
47 ____ down : defeat, overwhelm, or overcome?
48 Air Transport Auxiliary
49 Do It Yourself, abbr.
50 Untruth, fib



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	5	6	9	1	8	2	4	3
9	3	1	4	7	2	6	8	5
8	2	4	6	5	3	1	9	7
5	6	7	1	2	4	8	3	9
3	9	8	7	6	5	4	2	1
1	4	2	8	3	9	5	7	6
2	8	3	5	9	1	7	6	4
6	1	9	2	4	7	3	5	8
4	7	5	3	8	6	9	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BOVVIBB PBR'K YIDUWRIRK,

WRL QWPHODI PBR'K QWKWH.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: : If you live to be one hundred, you've got it made. Very few people die past that age.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923
Radhe Shyam (Te) 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199
Radhe Shyam (Te) 4 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre Ph: 2452958
Radhe Shyam (Te) 4 Shows

Lido Theatre Ph: 2420885
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre Mob: 9900820093
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre Ph: 2422871
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre Ph: 2423554
The Kashmir Files (H) - 2 Shows; *Pada (Ma)* - 2 Shows

Sangam Theatre Ph: 2520494
Dear Sathya (K) 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre Ph: 2443568
Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)	(S-1)	10.25 am
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Radhe Shyam (Te)	(S-1)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.25 am, 4.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
The Batman (E)	(S-2)	12.45 pm
Old Monkk (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Dear Sathya (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	(S-3)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Pada (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Radhe Shyam (Te)	(S-1)	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	3.35 pm, 6.30 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhava (Ta)	(S-3)	9.45 am, 3.25 pm, 9:40 pm
Dear Sathya (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)	(S-3)	6.35 pm
Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K)	(S-3)	12.55 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
The Batman (E)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	(S-4)	10.05 am
Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-2)	12.20 pm
Old Monkk (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	(S-4)	6.50 pm

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The Batman (E)	:	2.50 pm, 9.45 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	:	11.30 am, 6.25 pm
The Kashmir Files (H)	:	3.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Bheeshma Parvam (Ma)	:	9.00 pm
Pada (Ma)	:	6.40 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm

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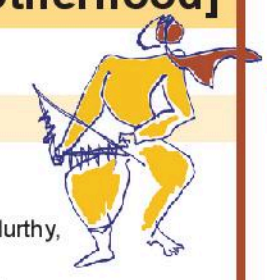
Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K)	:	3.30 pm
Love Mocktail 2 (K)	:	12.25 pm, 3.05 pm
Radhe Shyam (Te)	:	9.15 am, 10.20 am, 12.10 pm 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.05 pm 7.05 pm, 9.00 pm,10.00 pm
The Batman (E)	:	11.55 am, 5.55 pm
Gangubai Kathiawadi (H)	:	9.30 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	:	9.15 am, 3.25 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ek Love Ya (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.45 pm, 6.35 pm
Old Monkk (K)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Etharkkum Thunindhavan (Ta)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Radhe Shyam (Te)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4.00 pm 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Aa Thombattu Dinagalu (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Dear Sathya (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Hareesha Vayassu 36 (K)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
Pada (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Bahuroopi Raashtriya Rangotsava [Motherhood]



TODAY (MARCH 15)

Folk Performances at Kindarijogi Janapadaranga

5 pm : **Veeragase** by Ambika & Troupe, Chikkamaglur
Goravara Kunita by Rajashekara Murthy, Chamarajanagar
Bastar by Manishkumar, Chattisgarh
Dongalia by Seyap, Maharashtra
Bagoliya by Syed Nishar, MP.

Plays at Different Stages

6 pm - Bhoomigeeta : **Soorjyastaru Soorjodaya (Odia).**
Troupe: Mig Kala Parishad, Odisha.
Playwright: Surendra Verma.
Adaptation and Direction: Dol Govind Rath.

6.30 pm - Sampat Rangamandira : **Lockdown (Kannada).**
Troupe: We Move Theatre, Bengaluru.
Playwright and Direction: Abhishek Iyengar.

7 pm - Vanaranga : **Oedipus (Kannada).**
Troupe: Prayoga Ranga, Bengaluru.
Playwright: Sophocles.
Adaptation: P. Lankesh.
Direction: Shashidhara Barighat.

7 pm - Kalamandira : **Samrat Ashoka (Kannada).**
Troupe: Dharawad Rangayana.
Playwright: Dayaprakash Sinha.
Kannada Translation: Dr. Sashidhar Narendra.
Design and Direction: Veena Sharma.

TOMORROW (MARCH 16)

Screening of Movies at Sriranga Auditorium

10.30 am to 12 noon : **Womb on Rent.** India 2017 (50 minutes).
12 noon to 1.30 pm : **Ballad of a Soldier.** Russian 1959 (88 minutes).
2 pm to 4.40 pm : **Two Women.** Italian 1960 (101 minutes).

Special Programme at B.V. Karanth Rangachavadi

4 pm to 5 pm : Tala-Maddale 'Mathe Seethe.'

Folk Performances at Kindarijogi Janapadaranga

5 pm : **Siddi Dance** by Juliyana & team, Uttarakannada.
Dollu Kunitha by Pushpalatha & Troupe, Shimoga.
Bastar by Manishkumar, Chattisgarh.
Dongalia by Seyap, Maharashtra.
Bagoliya by Syed Nishar, MP.

Plays at Different Stages

6 pm - Bhoomigeeta : **Ashanthi Parva (Marathi).**
Troupe: Abhinay Kalyan, Thane, Mumbai.
Direction: Abhijit Junjar Rao.

6.30 pm - Sampat Rangamandira : **Jalapola** (Kannada)
Troupe: RangaAradhana Cultural Organisation, Savadatti.
Direction: Zakir Nadaf.

7 pm - Vanaranga : **Ea Soora Kottaru E Soora Bidevu** (Kannada)
Troupe: Hongirana, Shimoga.
Direction: Dr. Saswehalli Satish.

7 pm - Kalamandira : **Rama Ravanara Yuddha** (Kannada).
Troupe: Rangayana, Kalaburagi.
Direction: Sri Venkatesha Mastara Yapaladinni.

NOTE: For tickets, contact Rangayana office on Ph: 0821-2512639
For online booking and details, visit: *http://www.rangayana.org/bahurupi-2022/*

Felicitation programme tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Sri Vigh-neshwara Prasanna Bhakta Mandali Trust and Kadamba Kalapeeta, Mysuru, have jointly organised a felicitation programme to mark actor late D. Basappaji Kadamba's 92nd birth anniversary at Trust premises in Udayagiri on Mar. 16 at 10 am.

The newly appointed President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal, MCC Zonal Commissioner Shivakumar, Government PU Boys College-Chamarajanagar Principal M. Somanna and Labour Department Assistant Commissioner Nazia Sultana will be feted.

Corporators Ayub Khan and Sawood Khan, Immediate Past President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat-Mysuru Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and President of Kannada Kalakoota-Mysuru M. Chandrashekar will be the chief guests. Mandali President B. Vidyasagar Kadamba will preside.

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